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SUBJECT: VISIT OF DESIGNER AND CURATOR TO AFRICA

SUMMARY: US DESIGNER AND ART COLLECTOR WILL VISIT THREE WEST AFRICAN COUNTRIES, APRIL 17 TO MAY 5 IN QUEST OF TEXTILES TO DECORATE KENNEDY CENTER FOR PERFORMING ARTS.

1. FRIENDS OF KENNEDY CENTER OF PERFORMING ARTS ARE PLANNING TO DECORATE ONE AREA IN BUILDING WITH AFRICAN MOTIF AND HAVE COMMISSIONED KENNETH WALKER, DESIGNER, AND MRS. KATHERINE RESWICK, ART COLLECTOR, TO VISIT IVORY COAST, GHANA AND NIGERIA BETWEEN APRIL 17 AND MAY 5 TO PURCHASE TEXTILES FOR THAT PURPOSE. TEAM DOES NOT INTEND TO VISIT OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES AND NOT WIDELY PUBLICIZED ITS MISSION. PROJECT IS BEING COORDINATED BY FORMER ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE (CU) ROBERT THAYER AND TEAM WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ASSISTANCE EMBASSIES CAN PROVIDE. SUGGEST APPROPRIATE EMBASSY OFFICER CONTACT OR LEAVE MESSAGE FOR TEAM ON ARRIVAL.

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2. TEAM INTENDS TO MAKE OWN SELECTION OF MATERIALS AND IS PREPARED TO PURCHASE SAME. AFTER SELECTION, HOWEVER, SHOULD HOST GOVERNMENTS INDICATE DESIRE TO DONATE MARER MATERIALS SELECTED TEAM WILLING DISCUSS THIS POSSIBILITY.

3. FOR LAGOS: ARIEF SIMON ADEBO HAS MADE SOME PRELIMINARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR VISIT THERE AND HAS SUGGESTED THAT SIR MOBOLOJI BANK- ANTONY AND OTHER NIGERIAN BUSINESSMEN MAY WISH TO CONTRIBUTE SOME OF MATERIALS SELECTED. ALSO UNDERSTAND MS TEJU ALAHEJI, WESTERN STATE MINISTERIAL DEPUTY PERMSEC, WILL ACCOMPANY WALKER AND RESWICK DURING NIGERIAN VISIT.

4. FOR ABIDJAN AND ACCRA: TEAM DOES NOT HAVE ANY CONTACTS WITH GHANAIS OR IVORIANS AND WILL CONSULT WITH EMBASSY ON BEST CONTACTS IN TEXTILES AREA.

6. ITINERARY FOLLOWS:

THURS, APRIL 12 K. WALKER
LV NEW YORK
FRI, APRIL 13 ARR PARIS

MONDAY, APRIL 16 K. RESWICK
LEAVE NEW YORK 19:00
PAN AM FLIGHT 186

TUESDAY, APRIL 17 ARRIVE ABIDJAN 12:25 HOTEL IVOIRE

TUESDAY, APRIL 17 K. WALKER
PARIS TO ABIDJAN
LEAVE LE BOURGET 11:45
UT-821 (AIR FRANCE) HOTEL IVOIRE
ARRIVE ABIDJAN 19:25

SAT, APRIL 21 K. W. AND K. R.: TRAVELLING TOGETHER

LEAVE ABIDJAN 2:30
NIGERIAN AIRWAYS FLIGHT 964 HOTEL
ARRIVE ACCRA 3:20 CONTINENTAL

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FRI, APRIL 27 LEAVE ACCRA 10:25

GHANA AIRWAYS FLIGHT 560 FEDERAL PALACE
ARRIVE LAGOS 12:00 HOTEL

THURS, MAY 3 LEAVE LAGOS 5:00
GHANA FLIGHT 555
ARRIVE ACCRA 4:50

LEAVE ACCRA 21:00
PAN AM FLIGHT 185

FRI, MAY 4 ARRIVE NEW YORK 6:00

- OR -

SAT, MAY 5 LEAVE LAGOS 9:30
PAN AM FLIGHT 189

SUN, MAY 6 ARRIVE NEW YORK 6:00

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